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In re Appln. of: Hiroji SAITO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/830,750

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING PROGRAM INFORMATION, COMMUNICATING SYSTEM, METHOD OF TRANSMITTING PROGRAM INFORMATION, METHOD OF INSTRUCTING PROGRAM RECORDING OPERATION AND METHOD OF INSTRUCTING PROGRAM PURCHASING OPERATION

Attorney Docket No: 9683-77

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Examiner: Alan T. Gant

Art Unit: 2684

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Transmittal Letter, Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO-1449 (1 page),
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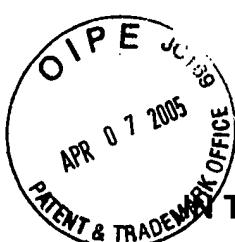
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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
5,819,103	10/06/1998	Endoh, et al.		

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CA2,267,895	04/16/1998	Canada		Yes
EP0858223 A2	08/12/1998	EPO		Yes
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary.

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37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

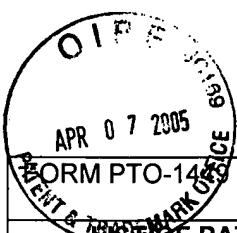
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Respectfully submitted,

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